

# THE DE LAND NEWS.

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## ACQUITTALS SCARCE AS HEN'S TEETH

Criminal Court met on Tuesday, with the regular corps of officers—Judge Perkins, Solicitor Fish, Clerk Bristol, and Sheriff Smith in their respective stations. While it has been a busy session, the cases were disposed of speedily. The jury serving for the term consisted of:

J. H. Padgett,  
H. E. Z. Clifton,  
G. F. Montgomery,  
G. W. Johnson,  
J. P. Pollitz,  
G. A. Powell,  
B. E. Brown,  
J. E. Coen,  
N. W. McClellan,  
G. M. Prevatt,  
J. T. Moody,  
S. B. Bennett,  
R. D. Raulerson,  
R. Yelvington,  
W. R. Cowart,  
W. D. Raulerson,  
T. J. Newmon,  
S. F. Raulerson,  
O. W. Cowart

### Continued.

Judge Perkins and Solicitor Fish were both disqualified in the following two cases, which were passed until a Judge is sent to try them:

Walter E. Pollock, charged with grand embezzlement.

James E. Seoville, charged with grand larceny.

### Nol Prossed.

Chris. Harris, charged with assault and battery.

W. D. Clifton, charged with grand larceny.

C. C. Carpenter, malicious injury.

S. F. Sailor, malicious mischief.

D. G. Douglass, carrying concealed weapons.

W. C. Painter, unnecessarily chastising his own child.

### Plead Guilty.

Seaward Sampson, beating way on train, plea of guilty (not yet sentenced).

Clarence P. Rose, grand larceny, plea of guilty; sentence suspended.

Elijah Wilson and George Barber, affray; plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

S. F. Sailor, drunkenness, plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

Ishmael Culpepper, breaking and entering, plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

J. W. Sterrick, bigamy, plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

Oscar Payne, drunkenness, plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

John Martin, illegal sale of liquor, plea of guilty; 8 months on the county roads.

S. N. Misch, illegal sale of liquor (had a government license and sold cider only), plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

N. R. Roberts, aggravated assault, plea of guilty to simple assault; not yet sentenced.

Wilbur Thompson, illegal hunting, plea of guilty; sentence suspended. (The evidence showed that he missed the game he shot at, and the court felt sorrow for him.)

J. S. Muntagh, obtaining property under false pretenses (drawing check for \$4.00 on a bank in which he had no deposit), plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

Laura Rivers, grand larceny (stealing from Cade's store), plea of guilty; not yet sentenced.

John Lucas and Dan Brooks, affray, plea of guilty; fined \$1.00 and costs.

### Found Guilty By Jury.

Up to 3:00 p. m. yesterday quite a number of cases had been submitted to jury—and in every case Solicitor Fish had obtained a verdict of guilty. Following are the cases and their sentences so far as made public:

Isaac Daniels, carrying concealed weapons; submitted to court without jury; found guilty; fined \$100 or six months.

Robert Clark, assault with intent to murder; not yet sentenced.

William Powell, carrying concealed weapons; not yet sentenced.

Sampson Goldston and Eliza Johnson, lewd and lascivious cohabitation; not yet sentenced.

Gadsden Smith, petit larceny; not yet sentenced.

### Not Yet Acted On.

William White, malicious use of bicycle.

Jim Woodward, assault with intent to murder. (This case will be tried today.)

Pat Hall, gambling.

Oscar Payne, vagrancy.

Sampson Goldston, publicly using profane language.

Rosa Gibson, illegal sale of liquor.

Thos. Purcell, petit larceny.

Cain Carter, Archie Walker, Moses Richardson and James Hampton, adding escape.

In the case of Willie Hubbard, Lawrence Hubbard and Albert Hyman, illegal hunting, a nolle was entered as to Willie Hubbard and young Hyman.

Lawrence Hubbard plead guilty and was fined \$25 and costs.

It is probable that court will be in session into next week, as there will probably be several other cases to dispose of, besides those above, in which informations have not yet been made public.

### LICENSE TAX MUST BE PAID.

Solicitor Fish Gives Notice that Delinquents Will Be Prosecuted.

I take this method of calling attention to the fact that Chapter 1307, being an act imposing licenses and other taxes, providing for the payment thereof, and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof, Laws of State of Florida, will be enforced by me, as County Solicitor. For a number of years, if at all, so far as the enforcement of this statute has been concerned it has been practically a dead letter. The chapter above referred to provides that all license shall be payable on or before the first day of October each year. For the reason that this law has not been heretofore enforced I shall refrain from filing information against those who have not complied with this law until the first day of November, A. D. 1909.

Respectfully,

BERT FISH,  
County Solicitor.

### No Pardon Was Granted.

It has generally been understood that pardons were granted young Vann, Lucas, and others sentenced at the August term of the Criminal Court for illegal fishing. From a list of the cases considered by the Pardoning Board, and published in the Jacksonville Metropolitan of yesterday, is that of John Vann, Jr., as follows:

"The application of John Vann, Jr., for pardon from conviction for illegal fishing and sentence to serve a term of sixty days on the public roads by the Criminal Court of Record of Volusia county at the August term, 1909, which was submitted to the board September 18, 1909, and referred for further information to the officers of said Criminal Court of Record, was again taken up. It appearing that for several years past the imposition of fines by said court had proved ineffective in preventing illegal fishing in Volusia county, and that four other defendants had been tried and sentenced to imprisonment for said offense with this applicant, the court being moved to impose sentences of imprisonment as a deterrent necessary to check the offense of illegal fishing, and that no other of said defendants had applied for pardon. It was ordered that this application be denied."

Pardons are mighty scarce articles up at Tallahassee these days.

### Extending Trolley System.

St. Petersburg's twelve-mile trolley system is to be extended several miles to Johns Pass. This will open up thousands of fertile acres for development.

## GREAT TROPICAL STORM SWEEPS THE COAST

Two Million Dollar Loss in Key West  
Alone—\$1,000,000 in Cuba.

The worst tropical storm in many years visited Florida this week, doing \$2,000,000 damage at Key West, with no loss of life. The storm swept around the mainland, doing some damage at Miami, but very little elsewhere than at Key West.

A telegram from Key West, dated the 12th, says: With the city in the hands of the military authorities, efforts are being concentrated today on ascertaining the amount of damage wrought by the hurricane which swept the Gulf yesterday.

It is estimated that damage to property in the city and harbor will reach \$2,000,000. No loss of life has been reported in the city, but it is thought that the death toll will be heavy along the eastern coast of the peninsula. Many of the vessels which had been swept from their moorings during the blow yesterday managed to ride out the storm during the night and limped back to their piers this morning, but between sixty and seventy-five boats of all descriptions were wrecked. It is feared a number of lives were lost on these vessels.

In this city whole blocks of frame structures were razed. Brick houses also fell before the gale, while great tobacco factories and warehouses suffered considerable damage. It will probably be several weeks before they will be able to resume operations. The city jail is filled to overflowing with vandals captured by the militia and police during the night. Thieves began operations as soon as the fury of the storm had abated, the wrecking of the electric light plant having plunged the city into darkness. The mayor immediately took stringent measures to cope with the situation and proclaimed martial law. The Key West guards were called out and patrolled the streets during the night. The United States government also has been called on for assistance in the storm-swept territory.

Hundreds of homeless people are sheltered in public buildings and churches which escaped the fury of the storm.

### \$1,000,000 Loss in Cuba.

Havana, Oct. 12.—Communications between this city and interior points, interrupted by yesterday's storm, had been renewed today. Reports from nearby places indicate property loss, especially to the westward, has been heavy, but that there were few fatalities.

The tobacco seed beds were ruined, but will be renewed.

The property loss in the city proper will not be much less than \$1,000,000. Every line of telegraph or telephone was thrown down. Many houses were unroofed.

In the harbor there was much damage to the shipping. A number of craft of various kinds were blown from their anchorages and wrecked. The various liners due in port made it in spite of the heavy gale.

Five lives were lost in the wreckage of houses. It is believed that when the story of wrecked boats comes in the loss of life at sea will prove to have been considerable.

The storm was the worst since the memorable hurricane of 1906.

### ON THE EXTENSION.

Grave fears have been entertained as to the result of the storm to the ships, dredges, etc., and the laborers at work on the East Coast Extension. It seems very hard to obtain any information from the work, but from what can so far be learned no serious damage has occurred. It will be recalled that in the storm three years ago about 150 lives were lost, many of the bodies never having been recovered.

### LATEST NEWS FROM EXTENSION.

New York, Oct. 13.—Communication was restored with the Florida keys by way of Key West and Havana today. The report that hundreds of railroad construction workmen were thought to have been lost in the storm is not true, as all escaped to high ground and survived. Relief trains have been dispatched from Miami. No report has

## OCTOBER SESSION CITY COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held Monday night. Only four members—Councilmen Bishop, Dreka, Fountain and Woodall—were present. Mr. Dreka was elected chairman pro tem. Councilman Davis was in town but he is acting Mayor during Mayor Wood's absence.

### Treasurers' Report.

The treasurer reported the following balances on hand September 30:

General revenue	\$1007.14
Bond interest	4289.07
Water works	923.58
Streets	167.52

### Report of Marshal.

The marshal reported the collection of \$41.35 in fines during September.

### Report of Engineer.

The engineer reported: Water pumped 2,830,225 gallons; daily average, 94,340 gallons; new taps, 7; taps opened, 31; taps closed, 41; coal consumed, 25 tons; wood consumed, one half cord; new meters placed, 5; new boxes installed, 8. And a report of other routine work.

### Bills Paid.

Bills were audited and warrants drawn in payment thereof as follows:

Electric Light Company	\$ 200.00
Maggie Wilson	4.00
DeLand Telephone Co.	1.50
G. W. Fisher	.57
E. L. Smith, Sheriff	3.43
A. Howard, treasurer	11.77
A. H. Woodall	2.43
Thos. L. Dean	5.00
E. D. McLeod, freight	.91
Muller Mfg. Company	41.06
O. B. Webster	30.00
Watts & Miller Company	1.00
Blane Bros.	23.98
G. L. Ford	22.79
Scott Hodgkins	4.50
G. A. Dreka & Co.	3.00
Fields' Garage	.93
W. C. Watts	15.25

W. C. Jackson appeared before Council with reference to excess water

been received from any fishermen along the lower keys.

The South on Pacific seamer Momus has been rushed from New York to take off the passengers from the Anilles, which went aground yesterday with one hundred passengers off Andros Island across from Knights Key. No fatalities are expected.

## NEW SMYRNA

New Smyrna, Oct. 13.—Mr. Murray's most boy was riding his wheel Sunday evening and two little girls were going in the same direction. As he saw they were walking on one side of the street he didn't slow up his speed and just as he got to them Mr. George Webster's little girl started across the street; the handlebars struck the side of her face, hurting her badly, and the boy got his wrist broken. Both of them are getting along nicely.

Harry McCarthy and Mr. Yarbrough went up to Jacksonville this week to purchase a Ford auto. They returned home Tuesday night. A man ran the car down for them, making the trip in five and one-half hours.

Mr. M. E. Clouser, the auto man, is tearing down some of the partition in his garage to make room for some new autos which will be here soon, and later he is going to build a new garage.

### Another Postal Farce.

Tampa Cubans are somewhat worked up over the fact that the local post office authorities have refused to deliver them their papers from Cuba. The action is taken under orders from Washington, the government claiming that the papers contain advertisements for the Cuban lottery.

### First Cool Weather.

The first cool weather of the season occurred Wednesday morning, when a little fire in the fireplace made one feel quite comfortable. Coats are coming into fashion again; vests will follow in a month or more.

on his premises, the leak and waste occurring during his absence. He was given a rebate of one half the charge.

### Other Matters.

V. W. Gould's proposition to lay water main to his property in the Flippin Adams Addition, and take pay for same in water rent, was accepted.

The application of G. A. Dreka for permission to erect standpipe in his new building to be used in case of fire only, was granted.

Silas B. Wright was granted the right to lay one and a quarter inch pipe on Church street, east of Amelia, and take pay for same in water rent.

A communication from "mothers and sisters," requesting that pool rooms be closed at 10 p. m., and that minors be not allowed to play therein, was read and referred to attorneys for opinion as to the power of council in the matter.

The Street Committee reported that the attorneys had stated that Short street and Bill avenue could be legally opened; notice was given of ordinances providing for their acceptance by the city.

### Sidewalks and Paving.

Notice was given of intention to introduce ordinances as follows:

Ordinances requiring the construction of cement sidewalks on the north and south sides of Michigan avenue, from the Boulevard to Amelia avenue; also, on the north and south sides of Howry avenue, from Clara to Alabama avenue; also, on the north and south sides of Indiana avenue, from Florida avenue to Pine street; also, on Rich avenue, from Clara to Amelia avenues.

The street committee was authorized to procure bids for the grading and paving of Rich avenue, from Clara avenue to the Boulevard; and the grading and paving of Clara avenue, from Rich to Minnesota avenues. The Street Committee was also authorized to procure bids for pinestrawing a number of the unpaved streets.

## SNOW FALLS IN ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

### News From the Northwest Shows That the Weather Is Cold There.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Downy on Chicago was visited by a slight snowstorm today. Evidence of heavier snows in the North and Northwest were borne on the roofs of the railway cars entering the city.

### COLD IN MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Oct. 13.—Lower Michigan received its first installment of real winter today, the temperature hovering between 30 and 40 degrees.

Snow fell intermittently over almost all of the lower part of the State.

### SNOW IN OHIO.

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 13.—Snow fell this morning and the temperature is 34.

### How to Get a Federal Building.

"There is two hundred and twenty tons of steel in the framework of Gainesville's new Federal building. The erection of the steel structural work is now complete and the laying of the stone begins next week."

Elect J. E. Alexander to congress and we can then get a federal building in DeLand.

### A Florida Wonder.

Colonel John M. Martin says that he recently visited Blue Sink, where young Clyde Aiken was drowned. He says it is a very curious formation of nature. It is located in the open pine woods. There is no growth of trees or vines or any of the usual signs to indicate that there is any water in the neighborhood. Suddenly you come upon a basin of water even with the earth, perhaps covering about half an acre of ground, with apparently no inlet nor outlet. The water is blue, and it has been sounded to a depth of 280 feet without reaching bottom. It seems just to be there—that's all—Ocala Banner.